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**CALLED MEETING OF CITIZENS IN BLOOMFIELD.**

The outgoing Township Committee, according to custom, called a meeting of citizens for Monday evening last, to hear their financial report for the year and to consider what appropriations will be needed in the coming year.

A large audience, considering the state of the weather—it being one of the most inclement evenings of the season—evidenced the interest felt in the occasion. Still the number present could not have been one-fourth of the voters of the town and we were sorry to miss many of those who are among our most thoughtful, reliable and enterprising citizens.

Hon. J. F. Sankey was called to the chair and J. F. Folsom made Secretary.

The ANNUAL REPORT of the Council, which had already been printed, was placed in the hands of all who desired it and, at the request of the Chairman, read and explained in detail by the Township Clerk. This was done in a very clear and deliberate manner and was generally understood.

The Collector's Account shows a deficiency for taxes of 1874 uncollected, of \$10,433.19. We understand, however, that a number of reported delinquents have paid since the report was sent to the printer.

The Poor Master's Account shows a credit balance unexpended of \$338.10 which, it is thought, indicates good management on the part of Mr. Walker, the Overseer. His administration of this department is well spoken of by the members of the Council. The Contingent Account shows a balance in cash on hand of \$176.49.

The Credit Account shows a credit balance unexpended of \$2,266.59.

The Cross Walk or Side Walks account respectively show a debit balance for excess of expenditure over funds in hand of \$300.30; \$150.50, and \$12.49. There is a "Side Walk Assessment Account," however, which has a credit balance of \$3,651.15.

Real District Number Two has a credit balance for sidewalk of \$283.14 and Number One of \$84.67.

School District Number Six has a credit balance of \$163.78 and Number Seven of \$183.77.

Gas Lighting Account has a credit balance of \$42.43.

"New Road Account" is charged with \$327.28. "Old Lamp Account" is credited with \$13.85.

The multiplicity of little and not well-understood accounts tends to confuse the reader. The contingent account lacks the explanatory accompaniment of each item which it could have done no harm to supply, and which it is customary in all such accounts to give. To this criticism we except four items, room-keeper, assess, freight, printing, reports, and also the first three which were orally explained by Mr. Folsom. The other twenty-three have no assigned cause for the disbursement. Of course some of them can be inferred and no doubt all of them are proper and necessary, but the Council should not be willing to leave the integrity and propriety of their disbursement of the people's funds to such inferrences as are generally made only by pure, noble, intelligent minds. The absence of the certification of the accounts by disinterested and capable auditors, after a thorough examination, was very properly noticed by one of the speakers during the evening.

After the report the subject of appropriations for the coming year was announced in order by the chairman. The condition of the present Poor House and the necessity of a new one in a more central location, as well as of a secure place of detention for prisoners under arrest and awaiting commitment, was secured by Messrs. C. J. Turner, G. W. Cook, J. C. Beach, A. G. McCook, Wm. Parsons and J. K. Oakes; following which a resolution was adopted authorizing the incoming Town Committee to select and purchase a new and central site and to make a permanent home for the prisoners. Lock-up at an expense of exceeding \$8,000, part of the money to be raised this year and the balance next year.

Other discussions respecting the New Road Law, the powers it confers upon the Town Council, etc., was had in which nothing definite was arrived at except the development of a prevailing sentiment in favor of economy.

**THE APPROPRIATIONS.**

The following appropriations were proposed and approved by a majority of the meeting, but will require confirmation at the town election next Tuesday, to make them binding on the town:

For Roads..... \$ 500

" Poor..... 2500

" Contingencies..... 3000

" Cross Walks..... 1500

" Public Grounds..... 500

" New Poor House and Lot.....

" and Lock up..... 3000

The CIVIL RIGHTS BILL—We cannot regard it unfortunate that this bill has become a law. Unfortunately, we think, for the colored race whom it was professedly designed to benefit. President Grant's approval of it has weakened our confidence in his discretion, philanthropy, patriotism and independence. We shall probably have something more to say about this enactment.

COLORADO. The bill to admit Colorado into the Union as a state has passed both Houses of Congress and only awaits the signature of the president to constitute the child a member in good standing.

HUMAN HAIR. Bell has got to be a very important article of commerce. The preparation of it for the adornment of ladies' precious heads has become a specialty of late. Probably few are doing more business in this line, or more appropriate to the issues than our friend Parry of Newark whose advertisement on the next page will attract attention.

**TOWN AFFAIRS—ROADS.**

Citizens of Bloomfield have no need to feel disgruntled at the small appropriation for roads, i.e. for street improvements. It is not money that is wanted in the first place, or chiefly. It is May. We need high minded, unselfish, courageous men who will not betray the trust committed to them. Men who will make a sacrifice, if need be, for the public interest, and devote time and thought to public affairs. Men who are capable of entertaining just conceptions and honest convictions of the wants of our town; independent enough to avow them; intelligent enough to maintain them with arguments, and manly enough to yield to the force of superior reasons when fairly supported.

Again we say with confidence there will be no lack of money if we put the right men into office. The people are sick and tired of such abortions of Councilmanic authority and rule as we have had for some two years past. We speak thus of the Council as a whole and as it respects the results of their inactivity. There have been one or two in each board that would have done splendidly if a majority had been of the right stamp, but what could one or two do against five? Neither do we speak ought against the estimable character of our past Councilmen as private citizens. None can hold them in higher respect in this regard than we do. But we ought not continue to suffer in our town interests and credit from the incompetency or inefficiency of men because they are good men and well disposed. Let us put only good men—not that is not the word—true men, known to be such, into the Town Council and, if possible, into every office. Then we shall find that the appropriations will be adequate to their wants and the Street Improvement Law will not remain a dead letter. With such a Council Board as we should have and may have, Bloomfield would take a new start toward the pinnacle of fame and centre of attraction.

STEAM HEATER.—We know of no steam heater that gives such unqualified and continued satisfaction as that supplied by the Angel & Blane Manufacturing Company of 709 Broadway, N. Y. The one this firm put up for the Editor of this paper in his residence in 1870 has given perfect satisfaction ever since without costing an additional dollar.

PROTECTIVE TARIFF.—We have received a printed copy of a short, emphatic and courteous speech of our representative in Congress, Hon. Marcus L. Ward, on Feb. 10, in vigorous support of the principle and duty of protection to American industry.

A CONSTANT READER, in a note to us, "regrets" the license we permitted our Brooklyn Special Correspondent in his last week's letter to Mr. Richards of Montclair for giving his testimony in the Milton-Beecher case. "We only allude to it at the earnest request of 'constant reader.' Our special correspondent is a reliable Brooklyn gentleman whom we know so well that we did not deem it necessary to scrutinize and prune his letters. His reflections upon the witness referred to may have been needlessly severe, but it accorded with the general sentiment that we have seen expressed in the reports of the trial.

The harshest thing we would say of his testimony is that it was unfortunate. We are happy to know that Mr. Richards stands well in our community as a Christian gentleman and a useful citizen.

PIANO TUNING.—We invite attention to the advertisement of Robert Morris under special notices.

OUR WEEKLY EXCHANGES.—We cannot refer to these every week, but we are happy to emphasize occasionally our high appreciation of some of them.

HARPER'S ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY, is a most vivid artistic and literary painter of "the times and manners," the thought and work of statesmen, philanthropists and orthodox Christianity. It is by turns amusing, entertaining and instructive and always safe and valuable.

THE SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, is a very superior work of its kind. It is especially useful to the mechanic and the manufacturer and will be prized by all educated and thoughtful men. In the current number are no less than 128 separate and interesting articles.

THE RURAL NEW YORKER is a valuable agricultural weekly—a rural, literary and family newspaper.

HARPER'S BAZAAR is a reliable and safe weekly for the Ladies and the Home.

Among our religious weeklies we can unqualifiedly commend the New York Observer, The Methodist, The New York Evangelist, The Christian at Work.

In addition to any or all of these, every citizen of Bloomfield, Montclair, etc., should also take the SATURDAY GAZETTE, of course, for its important local intelligence and its carefully furnished column of valuable information on subjects of general interest.

For Saturday Gazette:

**THE NEW MAP OF BLOOMFIELD.**

No. 2.

We have gained another step in the inquiry with reference to the township map.

It is now known that the descriptions of the streets were not procured from the records, that the lines thereof were not traced on the ground, and that their bearings and distances do not appear on the map. This being admitted it follows that the map was not made in strict accordance with law, and that, as it is not the specified map, thereby authorizing, there was no warrant of law for drawing it at all. Yet it is held strangely enough, that the map is all that is to be desired of the existing streets. I should be disposed to let this pass without criticism, remembering that it requires greater courage to acknowledge a fault than to storm a city, if, while it denies an error it did not also tend to prop up a lie.

It is also said that the map as made may be made available in making the plan or scheme of streets under provisions of the second section of the act. Well, so may'a

anything but sham or pretence in education. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing. We would say to teachers and to trustees with sincere and heartfelt emphasis—Be thorough. Let every step be completely mastered and every proper thought become a possession, not of memory merely but of the intellect. Then it will be at the command of the will and eye available.

Our gas bill for Feb. amounts to just \$4. Low enough. And we cheerfully bear testimony to the superior illuminating qualities of this Gas.

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